

GREENBUSHES TOWNSITE ABOLITION BILL.

"Mr. Speaker,

"The Legislative Council acquaints the Legislative Assembly that it has agreed to the undermentioned Bill, without amendment: 'An Act to abolish the Townsite of Greenbushes.'

"GEO. SHENTON,

"President.

"Legislative Council Chamber, Perth, 12th October, 1893."

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

"Mr. Speaker,

"With reference to Message No. 48 of the Legislative Assembly, the Legislative Council informs the Legislative Assembly that it has agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Assembly in 'The Public Health Act, 1886, Amendment Bill.'

"GEO. SHENTON,

"President.

"Legislative Council Chamber, Perth, 12th October, 1893."

At six o'clock, p.m., MR. SPEAKER left the Chair.

At twenty minutes past six o'clock, p.m., MR. SPEAKER resumed the chair.

MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

The following Message was received from the Legislative Council:—

"Mr. Speaker,

"With reference to Message No. 51 of the Legislative Assembly, the Legislative Council informs the Legislative Assembly that it has agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly in 'The Elementary Education Act, 1871, Amendment Bill.'

"GEO. SHENTON,

"President.

"Legislative Council Chamber, Perth, 12th October, 1893."

MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WATER SUPPLY (CROWN LANDS) BILL.

The following Message was delivered to and read by Mr. Speaker:—

"Mr. Speaker,

"The Legislative Council acquaints the Legislative Assembly that it has agreed

"to the undermentioned Bill, without amendment: 'An Act to regulate the Use and Supply of Water on Crown Lands.'

"GEO. SHENTON,

"President.

"Legislative Council Chamber, Perth, 12th October, 1893."

ADJOURNMENT.

The House adjourned at twenty-three minutes past 6 o'clock, p.m.

Legislative Council,

Friday, 13th October, 1893.

Prorogation of Parliament.

THE PRESIDENT (Hon. Sir G. Shenton) took the chair at 4.15 o'clock p.m.

PRAYERS.

THE PRESIDENT (Hon. Sir G. Shenton) left the chair during pleasure.

At 4.30 o'clock p.m. the approach of His Excellency (Sir W. C. F. Robinson, G.C.M.G., &c.) was announced by the Usher.

His Excellency the Governor came into the Council Chamber, and commanded the Clerk to desire the attendance of the members of the Legislative Assembly, who, being come, with their Speaker,

HIS EXCELLENCY was pleased to speak as follows:—

"MR. PRESIDENT AND HONOURABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,—

"MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

"The work of the session being completed, I have pleasure in releasing you from your arduous labours.

"2. The Constitution Amendment Act which has been passed will give a wider representation to the people, and, so soon as the Electoral Rolls have been compiled, will necessitate a General Election for both Houses of Parliament. This change in the Constitution, which largely extends the franchise, will, I hope, be productive of much good, and I trust the increased power and influence now enjoyed by the people will be exercised with wisdom and moderation.

"3. Among the many other important measures you have passed, I may especially refer to the Homesteads Bill, the operation of which should result in promoting and increasing the occupation and development of the lands of the colony.

"MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF  
"THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

"4. I thank you for the liberal Supplies you have granted for the administration of the Public Service. The financial troubles resulting from the recent Bank suspensions are, I believe, gradually disappearing. I anticipate that there will be but little difficulty in floating the remainder of our Loan on favourable terms, and, consequently, my Government hope shortly to be enabled to complete the various public works which have been approved by Parliament.

"MR. PRESIDENT AND HONOURABLE  
"GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE  
"COUNCIL,—

"MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF  
"THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

"5. The prospects of the colony are bright and hopeful, and there is every reason to anticipate a satisfactory future. The season has been a most favourable one for agricultural and pastoral pursuits, all over the colony. Our goldfields continue to progress, and the output of gold is increasing rapidly. The railway from Perth to Bunbury has been completed and opened for traffic. The railway from Northam to Southern Cross is being constructed as quickly as possible, and already, for a distance of 76 miles, is being utilised for public traffic. The construction of the railway from Geraldton to Mullewa is in full

"progress. The railway from Boyanup to Mininup Bridge is nearly completed. The Mole in connection with the Harbour Works at Fremantle is progressing in a satisfactory manner and has been already extended for about 1,500 feet, into a depth of 20 feet of water. The Harbour improvements at Cossack, Geraldton, Derby, and other ports are in course of construction, and measures are being taken on the goldfields of the colony for procuring and conserving water, and for otherwise assisting the development of our mineral resources. The works in connection with the Midland Railway have been resumed, and this important undertaking will now be completed as quickly as possible.

"6. Owing to the amendment of the Constitution Act, and the consequent necessity for a General Election, this is probably the last time I shall have the pleasure of addressing the present Parliament, and I therefore take the opportunity of thanking you for the loyal, patriotic, and able manner in which this, the first Parliament under Responsible Government, has performed its varied and onerous duties, and I congratulate you on the good results that have rewarded your efforts, and which are apparent in the present improved condition of the colony.

"7. I now prorogue this Parliament till Wednesday, the 28th March next."

The session then closed.